## **Domestic Violence Coordinating Council**

## Elderly and Domestic Violence Committee

Receptionist's Conference Room, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Carvel State Office Building 820 N. French Street, Wilmington, Delaware

May 12, 2015, 1:30 p.m.

## Agenda

- 1. Introductions/Approval of Minutes
- 2. On-going Business
  - a. Membership
    - Update on Expansion of Committee Membership
       Peggy Bell, DELJIS, Kim Buiano, Adult Protective Services and Ermina Williams, Wilmington Housing Authority
    - ii. Recommendations for additional members Gina Schoenberg
  - b. Continue to Obtain and Examine Data on Elderly and Domestic Violence
    - i. Tonia Bell-Delgado: Update on elderly victims of domestic violence served by DCJ who need housing
    - ii. Others: Additional case-related data re: specific safety needs of elderly victims of domestic violence.
  - c. Report on data collected through Delaware Criminal Justice Information System (DELJIS)
    - i. Peggy Bell, Executive Director, DELJIS: Type of data retrievable through DELJIS e.g. types and number of elderly victimizations, types of crimes reported, victim relationship to the accused, etc.
  - d. Potential Funding Opportunities
    - i. Secretary Schiliro: Outcome of inquiry re: feasibility of adding a surcharge to the cost of certified death certificates.
  - e. Speaker from Sacred Heart Village
    - i. Pat Kwetkauskie: Update on availability
  - f. Obtain Information and Input Directly from Constituents in the Community
    - Public forums in each county
    - Invite public and staff from agencies that provide services/assistance to elderly victims of domestic violence
    - Dates to be determined (May/June)
      - i. Pat Dailey-Lewis Attorney General's response
      - ii. Secretary Schiliro Domestic Violence Coordinating Council's response

- 3. New Business
  - a. Public Forum Planning
  - b. Other
- 4. Next Meeting

The Current Goals of the DVCC Elderly and Domestic Violence Committee are:

- Develop systems to compile data to identify the needs of elderly victims of domestic violence;
- Provide education to the judiciary and law enforcement and promote awareness of domestic violence to older members of the community;
- Identify/expand emergency and safe transitional housing options for elderly who are victims of domestic violence; and
- Develop a statewide corps of volunteer peer advocates to provide advocacy and accompaniment to elderly victims throughout the criminal justice process.